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SUBJECT: THE SECRETARY'S CYPRUS PROPOSALS - TWO VIEWS

1. THE HEADLINES, UBIQUITOUSLY BLARING FROM EVERY KIOSK, TELL THE STORY OF HOW THESSALONIKI'S TWO MAJOR MORNING PAPERS CHOSE TO INTERPRET THE SECRETARY'S CYPRUS PROPOSALS AT THE UN. LIBERAL AND MODERATELY RESPONSIBLE MAKEDONIA HAS "KISSINGER BECOMES INVOLVED IN CYPRUS OUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE SATISFIED." CONSERVATIVE AND FREQUENTLY WILDLY IRRESPONSIBLE ELLINIKOS VORRAS HAS "ATTILA TO REMAIN IN CYPRUS- KISSINGER ASKS AT THE UN." PEG FOR THIS BIT OF FANCY WAS COMPLETE AND PROBABLY INTENTIONAL MISINTERPRETATION OF SECRETARY'S FIFTH POINT CONCERNING ARRANGEMENTS FOR FOREIGN FORCES IN CYPRUS.

2. THIS DAMAGE DONE, ELLINIKOS VORRAS GOES ON, AS DOES MAKEDONIA, TO PRESENT A FACTUAL REPORT ON THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH TOGETHER WITH FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS' CHARACTERIZATION OF IT AS "EXTREMELY USEFUL." NEGROPONTE

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